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SUBJECT: FURTHER VATICAN CONCERN OVER MOZAMBIQUE MASSACRES

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1. VATICAN PRESS SPOKESMAN ALESSANDRINI MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT
JULY 11: QUOTE THE HOLY SEE, VIA ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN LISBON
HAS INTERVENED MANY TIMES TO REQUEST INFORMATION AND TO EXPRESS
ITS OWN REGRET OVER EVENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE. THE LOCAL BISHOPS
HAVE ALSO INTERVENED. UNQUOTE.

2. RESPONSIBLE VATICAN SOURCE INFORMED US JULY 12 THAT HE UNC-
CERTAIN WHETHER FIGURES OR PLACE NAMES USED BY FR. HASTINGS WERE
ACCURATE BUT THAT VATICAN'S INFORMATION CONFIRMS THAT SUCH VICIOUS
REPRISALS BY PORTUGUESE TROOPS HAVE DEFINITELY TAKEN PLACE. HE
ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE ONLY FAIR TO NOTE THAT FRELIMO
FORCES HAVE ALSO RESORTED TO ACTS OF TERRORISM.

3. IN DISCUSSING INCIDENTS OF PORTUGUESE REPRISALS IN PAST,
PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR TO HOLY SEE BRAZAO HAS ADMITTED THAT THERE
HAVE BEEN LIMITED NUMBER OF SUCH CASES BUT THAT PERPETRATORS WERE
DULY PUNISHED BY COURTS MARTIAL. VATICAN HAS SUGGESTED
TO BRAZAO THAT MORE OPENESS IN DISCUSSING THESE CASES AND ACCESS
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TO PORTUGUESE AFRICA BY IMPARTIAL OBSERVERS WOULD LEND MORE

CREDIBILITY TO GOP DENIALS. VOLPE

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